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Comments: As an aquatic toxicologist with extensive experience concerning the impacts of toxic mine pollution, I am strongly opposed to the Stibnite Gold Project on the border of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

Having done the baseline research on the Middle Fork of the Salmon, I am deeply concerned that the Perpetua project presents far too many risks to the environment.

Your evaluation of risks to the wilderness is inadequate and incomplete. Mining operations would present unacceptable impacts to the aquatic community as a result of road building, increased vehicle traffic, dust, noise, and the mining operations themselves. Sedimentation and chemical contamination of the river is virtually assured.

The Forest Service needs to deny this permit and demand that Perpetua finish the cleanup of the mine site.